



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS BASE

814 RADFORD BOULEVARD

ALBANY, GEORGIA 31704-1128

BO 11000.7A

A490

13 May 02

BASE ORDER 11000.7A

From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: ANIMAL CONTROL

Ref: (a) BO 1720.17P, encl (10)

1. Purpose. To prescribe animal and pet control regulations for the Marine Corps Logistics Base (MCLB), Albany, Georgia.

2. Cancellation. BO 11000.7.

3. Background

a. This geographic area is rabies endemic; therefore, it is the intent of this Order to afford maximum protection against possible exposure to rabid animals by all persons residing, working, or visiting the Base.

b. Keeping a pet on government property, to include the Base Mobile Home Park, is a conditional privilege that, once extended, is subject to revocation for cause as determined by the Commanding Officer within the standards set forth in this Base Order. Additionally, it is the intent of this Command to facilitate the registration and inoculation against disease by pet owners through operation of a registration/immunization clinic.

4. Definitions

a. The term "pet owner" will include any person owning, keeping, or harboring an animal within the confines of this Base, unless restricted by paragraph 5a and b of this Order.

b. The term "authorized pets" is considered to mean dogs and cats, except as restricted by paragraph 5a and b of this Order. Tropical fish, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, and birds may be kept as pets with permission of the Housing Manager. No animals or birds may be taken from the wild.

13 May 02

c. The term "farm animals" will include all animals normally used as work animals or kept for the production of food or any farm commodity.

d. The term "exotic" or "wild animal" will include, but is not limited to, any subhuman primate, ocelot, raccoon, skunk, mink, bat, opossum, ferrets, all reptiles, and any other species of animal not usually considered to be domestic.

e. A "nuisance" is defined as any action of a pet that endangers life or health, gives offense to the senses, violates the laws of decency, or obstructs reasonable or comfortable use of property. For example, an animal may be deemed a nuisance if it repeatedly barks in a manner or extent that it disturbs others, interferes or obstructs persons engaged in exercise or physical activity, interferes or obstructs maintenance or repair to the quarters, or defecates on the lawn or quarters not occupied by its owners.

f. A "vicious" pet is one that has demonstrated a tendency to attack other animals or people without provocation.

g. "Domestic" pets, for the purpose of this Order, will be defined as dogs and cats.

h. "Inhumane treatment" is defined as treatment imposed by lack of nutrients, sympathy, pity, warmth, compassion, or the like.

i. Any pet suffering from a disease contagious to man or animal or from a noxious disfiguring condition shall be considered a "menace to health."

5. Prohibited Animals

a. Staffordshire, American Staffordshire, Pit Bull Terrier, or any breed thereof (these breeds already on Base prior to the signing of this Order are exempt), and farm animals will not be permitted aboard the Base. This includes fowl, except parakeets, canaries, or birds usually kept as pets. Horses, however, may be brought aboard Base for riding during daylight hours, with the written permission of the Commanding Officer, if conditions concerning safety, liability, restricted riding areas, and fecal removal are met. Horseback riding will not be permitted within any housing area.

b. Exotic or wild animals will not be allowed as pets aboard the Base. This includes snakes of all types.

c. In instances of dispute, the acceptability of the animal will be determined by the Natural Resources Manager after consultation with the Housing Manager.

6. Registration

a. All pets, other than those normally confined to cages and aquariums, will be registered with the Base Animal Control Officer and Base Game Warden. This will be accomplished within 5 working days after the pet is brought aboard the Base. In the event of transfer of ownership, the new owner must register the pet within 3 working days. Pet registration/re-registration will be conducted by arranging an appointment with the Animal Control Officer or in conjunction with the inoculation clinics. A county registration tag will be issued at the time of registration and must be worn by the animal at all times.

b. Dog owners are required to maintain a current renter's insurance policy covering any liability that may involve their pet. The policy number and name of the company must be provided to the Animal Control Officer within 5 days of bringing the pet aboard the Base. Confirmation of this coverage is required for annual renewal of the registration.

c. All dogs and cats, which have attained the age of 12 weeks, must be immunized against rabies. Proof of immunization, including the tag number, in accordance with Georgia State Laws, must be provided to register an animal.

7. Pet Control

a. Animal owners are responsible for their pets and must maintain control over them. Dogs not kept indoors shall be maintained outside in a fenced area located in the rear of the quarters. Fences are required for all dogs, regardless of breed or size, and must be approved by the Housing Manager. Dogs off the owner's premises must be at all times under the direct control of the owner or other competent person by means of a secure leash not over ten feet in length, or at "heel" or beside a competent person and obedient to that person's commands, or by some other equivalent means of positive physical control. Pet owners

will ensure that pets do not interfere with mail delivery, trash collection, maintenance activities, etc. Dogs confined in a fenced area will not be secured to government property, (i.e., water spigots, cooling units, trees, etc.)

b. Dogs bred and/or trained for the purpose of quail hunting will be allowed in any hunting area during Base quail hunting season. Permission to train hunting dogs in hunting areas must be obtained from the Natural Resource Manager or Chief Game Warden.

c. Dogs housed outside, determined to be "vicious", as defined in 4f, will be required to be placed in a A.K.C.-Approved six-sided kennel with a lock. The kennel will be placed within a fenced yard at a minimum of 3 feet from the fence to ensure a child cannot reach through or over the fence and be able to touch the kennel.

d. Dogs must be confined upon arrival of maintenance personnel, housing personnel, or any other persons providing repairs or service to the quarters.

e. Pet owners, in addition to complying with state and local regulations, will provide their animals with adequate food, water, shelter and veterinary care at all times. If a person has reason to believe that an animal is being treated inhumanely, it is that person's moral and legal obligation to report the treatment to the Animal Control Officer and PMO for investigation.

f. Pets are the responsibility of their owner and will not be allowed to become a nuisance.

g. Only two cats or two dogs, or a combination of one each will be allowed per housing unit.

h. Female animals in season will not be permitted out of closed confinement and may be ordered from the Base if they become a nuisance. Female animals may be sprayed (deodorized) to help moderate the condition.

i. The deliberate breeding of any pet for sale, trade, barter, exchange or reimbursement is prohibited by this Order. The results of accidental live births will be disposed of not later than 10 weeks following birth.

j. Pets will not be permitted in the following areas:

(1) Dining facilities such as cafeterias, clubs, restaurants, or snack bars and places where food is bought, sold or stored such as the Marine Corps Exchange, Commissary, or 7-day stores.

(2) Theaters, athletic fields, gymnasiums, swimming pools, playgrounds, and golf courses.

(3) Chapel or child care facilities.

(4) Any permanent or transient bachelor enlisted or officer quarters.

(5) Family transient quarters.

k. Handicapped persons depending on dogs for assistance will be permitted to have their dog in any of the areas in paragraph 7j.

l. Pet owners will ensure that, if pets are left in or around assigned quarters in excess of 12 hours, prior arrangements have been made with friends or neighbors to care for their pets at least once a day until pet owner returns.

m. Animals are not to be abandoned on the Base. Stray or loose animals will be impounded.

n. Deceased animals, or animals no longer desired, may be turned over to the Animal Control Officer for appropriate disposition.

o. Pet owners will be held liable for damages caused by their pets to facilities, people, and other domestic pets.

p. Pet owners must dispose of any droppings deposited in any common area, such as sidewalks or parks, when walking their dog.

8. Authority and Responsibilities

a. Housing Manager. The Housing Manager, with concurrence from the Animal Control Officer, may recommend to the Commanding

13 May 02

Officer, MCLB, eviction of pet owners from housing or the mobile home park when the owner fails to comply with this Order.

b. Animal Control Officer. The Animal Control Officer, under the supervision of the Natural Resources Manager, will assume responsibility for administration of this Order. In this regard, the Animal Control Officer will:

(1) Administer, in the name of the Commanding Officer, all penalties prescribed in this Order.

(2) Operate the Base Impound Kennel.

(a) Release impounded animals to the owner after the owner has replaced food at the rate of 1 pound per day for each day the animal was impounded. Arrangements for release can be made by calling 639-5188.

(b) Dogs or cats that are unclaimed in excess of 5 days, or are suffering any disease contagious to man or other animals, or animals suffering from some noxious disfiguring condition, will be appropriately destroyed.

(c) Unclaimed pets may be released to any person desiring them, providing they agree to provide food and that the animal will be treated humanely.

(3) Authorize the capture and transfer to the proper authorities, any animal, or group of animals, which is disturbing game or nongame species or that presents a danger anywhere on Base. Destruction by firearms of such animals will be authorized, only as a last resort, after a determination that the capture of such animals or the attempt thereof could threaten the safety of the persons involved in the capture of the wildlife being protected.

(4) Register all pets aboard Base.

(5) Obtain veterinarian care for sick and injured animals whose owners cannot be located. Expenses incurred will be paid by Natural Resources Account 302U.

(6) Ensure compliance with animal bite procedures outlined in paragraph 10 of this Order.

(7) Investigate alleged inhumane treatment of animals, obtaining assistance from U.S. Veterinary Activity, Fort Benning, Georgia, local civil authorities, or other sources if required.

(8) Ensure the following actions are accomplished:

(a) Upon receipt of complaint, capture loose stray animals, confine in the Base Impound Kennel, and notify the owner within 24 hours.

(b) Maintain records of all animals registered, impounded and released.

(c) Provide care and feeding of impounded animals.

(9) Coordinate with the Albany Animal Control to obtain notification of Base-registered animals being impounded off Base and coordinate with the pet owner.

(10) Coordinate the small animal clinic held aboard Base to include publicity and support.

c. Game Wardens. The Game Wardens will perform the duties of the Animal Control Officer in his absence.

9. Officer in Charge, Naval Branch Medical Center, (NBMC), MCLB Albany

a. Will provide technical assistance to the Animal Control Officer as required.

b. Will ensure compliance with animal bite procedures delineated in paragraph 10 below.

10. Rabies Control and Animal Bites

a. All dogs and cats over 12 weeks old must receive inoculation against rabies if they are brought or kept aboard the Base.

b. All instances of a person being bitten by any animal aboard the Base shall be reported immediately to the Animal Control Officer and the PMO by both the owner and the person bitten.

c. In the event of a serious animal bite, emergency assistance should be obtained by calling 911. For minor injuries occurring on Base, during normal working hours, victims should report to the Branch Medical Clinic (BMC) for assistance. After duty hours, victims of minor injuries should call the BMC duty staff for guidance.

d. For all victims treated for injuries inflicted by an animal, the BMC Staff will complete an Animal Bite Report and Rabies Quarantine Notification, DD Form 2341, and notify the Animal Control Officer and PMO of the incident, so quarantine measures may be implemented. The BMC Staff shall ensure the original DD Form 2341 is forwarded to the Animal Control Officer and copies are provided to PMO, BMC Preventive Medicine Division, and to BMC Health Records for filing in the patient's health record.

e. In the event a bite occurs off Base, victims are to seek treatment at the nearest emergency room for serious injuries, (or contact their primary care physician for assistance for minor injuries). After seeking treatment, victims, during normal working hours, should contact the Dougherty County Environmental Health Section at (438-3943). After hours, the local City or County Police Department should be notified of the incident.

f. The Animal Control Officer will initiate an Animal Impound Report and will direct immediate quarantine by one of the following methods:

(1) Base Impound Kennel.

(2) Private veterinarian at owner's expense.

(Statement must be furnished from the veterinarian as to the animal's condition at the beginning and end of quarantine period.)

(3) On the premises of the owner.

g. Every animal that bites a person or another animal shall be promptly reported to the Animal Control Officer and shall, thereafter, be securely quarantined at the direction of the Animal Control Officer for a period of 10 days and shall not be released from such quarantine except by written permission of

the Animal Control Officer. At the discretion of the Animal Control Officer, such quarantine may be on the premises of the owner; at the Base Impound Kennel; or, at the owner's option and expense, in a veterinary hospital of his choice. In the case of stray animals whose ownership is not known, quarantine shall be at the Base Impound Kennel.

h. Unvaccinated dogs and cats that are bitten by a proven rabid animal shall be destroyed immediately. If the owner is unwilling to have this done, such animals must be confined and quarantined for 6 months by the owner at his expense. One month before release; i.e., 5 months after being bitten, the animal shall be vaccinated against rabies. If the animal was vaccinated at least 1 month before the exposure, it shall be revaccinated immediately and placed in strict confinement for at least 30 days by the owner at his expense.

i. In all cases of a positive rabies examination, the Preventive Medicine Officer will be immediately notified and requested to assist in conducting an investigation to identify animals and humans exposed.

j. In all cases where suspected rabid animals are quarantined at the Base Impound Kennel, the animal will be secured separately and apart from all other animals. A sign will be posted on the cage notifying persons of rabies quarantine and the individual cage will be kept under lock.

11. Removal of Pets From Base Housing. All incidents involving pets will be judged on individual merit using the following guidelines:

a. When ownership of a loose pet can be established, a written warning will be issued to the pet owner on the first offense for:

- (1) Permitting an animal to run loose.
- (2) Permitting an animal to become a nuisance.
- (3) Committing a registration violation.
- (4) Failing to obtain/maintain current rabies vaccination.

13 May 02

(5) Subsequent violations committed by the same pet will be handled as appropriate by the Animal Control Officer.

b. If ownership cannot be determined, the pet will be confined to the Base Impound Kennel for a minimum of 5 days, during which time efforts will be made to determine ownership. If ownership cannot be established after 5 days, or at the discretion of the Animal Control Officer, the pet will be turned over to the Humane Society.

c. Pet owner's privilege to keep a pet may be revoked:

(1) If the animal bites or attacks any individual or another animal.

(2) If a pet is unregistered. It will not be allowed to return to government quarters until proper inoculation and registration is obtained.

(3) Base Conservation Board proceedings will be initiated when applicable. (See reference (a).)

12. Penalties for Inhumane Treatment

a. Whoever overloads, overworks, tortures, torments, mutilates, cruelly kills, ill-treats, deprives of necessary sustenance or shelter, inflicts unnecessary pain or suffering upon any animal or causes the same to be done, whether that person be the owner of the animal or has custody of it, shall, for every such offense, be guilty of inhumane treatment.

b. When a person is guilty of inhumane conduct on a federal reservation, it becomes a federal offense by virtue of the Assimilative Crimes Act (18 U.S. Code, Section 13). Service personnel may be charged with a violation of Article 134, UCMJ; and, civilian violators may be prosecuted in the U.S. District Court.

13. Appeal. Pet owners, whose privilege to keep a pet has been revoked, may submit an appeal of such revocation to the Commanding Officer via normal chain of command. The appeal must reach the Commanding Officer within 5 working days of the date of the action being appealed. This Order is intended to constitute legal basis for disciplinary or punitive proceedings for violations of this Order.

BO 11000.7A
13 May 02

14. Applicability. This Order applies to all persons who live or work on the Base or reside in government quarters. The regulations prescribed in this Order are intended to constitute legal basis for disciplinary or punitive proceedings of violations of this Order.

C. V. Mugno
C. V. MUGNO

DISTRIBUTION: B